

## Newsletter 06/09/2024

Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard of behaviour are awarded points. To be awarded a point the children would have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

This week **370** children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Simpson's Lane, I hope you have all had a well-rested Summer and are ready for this new academic year! It is nice to see so many familiar faces and welcome our new children to our school.

All the children have adapted so well to their new classes, and I can see lots of progress will be made this year. Next week we will begin our Stay and Reads sessions, and we look forward to you joining us if possible.

Have a lovely weekend!

### Upcoming Dates

Wed 11/09- 2LR Stay and Read  
Thur 12/09- 6SW Stay and Read  
Wed 18/09- 2KW Stay and Read  
Thur 19/09- 6SC Stay and Read  
Wed 25/09- 1DP Stay and Read  
Wed 25/09- Flu Vaccination's  
Thur 26/09- 5CT Stay and Read  
Fri 27/09- Macmillan Coffee Morning  
Wed 02/10- 1KR Stay and Read  
Thur 03/10- 5KR Stay and Read  
Thur 03/10- Mc Delta Day (McDonalds Themed Lunch)

Wed 09/10- RRS Stay and Read  
Thur 10/10- 4NR Stay and Read  
Wed 16/10- RJD Stay and Read  
Thur 17/10- 3SM Stay and Read  
Wed 23/10- 2LR Stay and Read  
Thur 24/10- 3ED Stay and Read  
Fri 25/10- Break Up  
Mon 04/11- Inset Day  
Tue 05/11- Back to School

### Stars of the week

**NURSERY AM-** Roux. H! For being so kind and caring with all our new friends, an amazing example to all!

**NURSERY PM** - Reggie. H-S! For helping the teachers with all the jobs and being the best he can be!

**RRS-** Leila for outstanding green behaviour all week and for setting a wonderful example to others.

**RJD-** Kohen for showing kindness towards his classmates and helping them settle into Reception.

**1DP-** All 1DP for settling in well.

**1KR-** The whole class for settling into year 1 so well.

**2KW/LH-** Ashley for working hard in every lesson and always being green.

**2LR-** Harper D. She has settled into Year 2 so well and is always keen to help around the classroom.

**3ED-** Edward for wowing us already with his amazing times tables knowledge.

**3SM-** Kaiden for showing a great attitude towards his work this week and has demonstrated excellent green behaviour.

**4MM-** All 4MM for settling in well!

**4NR-** Bobbie-Mae for starting year 4 with confidence and always showing green behaviour.

**5KR-** Zachary for settling into school well and working very hard.

**5CT-** The whole of 5CT - for settling into Year 5 really quickly and understanding their new routines and timetables.

**6SW** – Sailus for his fantastic contributions in all lessons.

**6SC-** Kaydee for her fantastic attitude to learning.

### Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been exploring the environment together and getting back into the routine of school. We have welcomed lots of new friends over the course of the week and are excited to see them again and help them in our classroom, play games with them and show them how to have the best time at Simpson's Lane Academy.



This week we have started reading our story 'My Mum and Dad make me laugh' and have been speaking about our families at home as well as highlighting some of our similarities and differences. The children have all been super stars this week and have been an absolute pleasure to spend time with and talk to about all the adventures from over their summer break. It truly has been the best start to the new school year!

### Reception

Wow! What an amazing start to the year! This week the children have settled in well to Reception and have demonstrated fantastic listening and attention skills. The staff have spent lots of time getting to know each of the children and we are looking forward the year ahead.

In Handwriting we have been focussing on recognising and writing our names.

Our Maths focus this week has been numbers to 5 and counting songs.

In Phonics the children are learning the following sounds: s a t

I wonder if the children can spot any of these letters in their homes.



### 1DP

Welcome back everyone. What a fantastic first week we have had. I have been blown away with how well the children have settled into year 1. We are already up and running with our maths, writing, and reading sessions. In maths we have been looking at Place Value to 10. In reading we have been rehearsing and acting out the poem: The Morning Rush and in writing we have been using our phonic knowledge to write short captions.

The children also enjoyed joining the rest of school for our first assembly and have had their first PE session.



### 1KR

Wow 1KR what a fabulous week we have had settling into our new routines and classroom. You have blown us all away with your maturity, green behaviour and willingness to learn. All the year 1 team have enjoyed getting to know each of you and look forward to the year ahead.



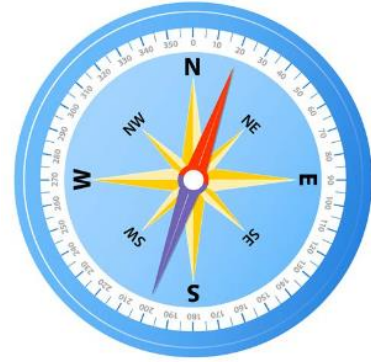
### 2KW/LH

This week has been an amazing start to Year 2, the children have come back to school with a positive attitude and have enjoyed lots of new learning this week. In Art the children have been learning about how to use different techniques such as layering and tearing to change the texture of materials. We started our first elite lesson this week and learnt about team building games. We have also learnt how to use a compass in Geography using the vocabulary North, East, South and West.



### 2LR

I am so impressed with how well everyone has settled into Year 2 this week. Everyone has tried their best with their learning. In Geography, we have been using compasses to identify North, South, East and West. In Maths, we have been counting and representing numbers to 100. In French, we have been looking at greeting one another and had lots of practice with the peers in our class.



### 3ED

Our first week of Y3 has been super! We started off by learning lots of different strategies to help with our reading fluency. Our favourite strategy is sentence tennis where we take it in turns to read with our partner. We learnt all about the meaning of BC and AD this week – we were able to use these abbreviations on a timeline of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. In maths, we have been wowing with our amazing place value knowledge. We've all tried really hard to answer lots of tricky questions about hundreds, tens and ones.



### 3SM

Our first week in Year 3 has been a very busy one. The children have learnt new reading strategies such as Echo Read, Choral Read and Sentence Tennis. In writing, the children have recapped their understanding of capital letter and full stops, as well as identify and understand difficult vocabulary in a poem. Ball skills is our new topic in PE. The children learnt how to dribble a ball with their hands and their feet. We have also had an introduction to the Stone Age, and we now understand why the Stone Age was given its name.



#### 4MM

This week 4MM have been busy settling into year 4 and getting to know each other. We have had fun learning new things about our classmates and learning new things about their new teachers, we have started learning about Buddhism in R.E and learning new skills in math. Well done all 4MM!



#### 4NR

Year 4 have had a busy week we have started our History unit learning all about the vicious Vikings, In DT we explored our classroom and outside looking for shell structures. In maths we are looking at numbers up to 10,000 and in reading we have been using personification to write poems giving the wind human features! Well done Year 4 what a fab first week!!

1	9	17	70	600
2	10	18	80	700
3	11	19	90	800
4	12	20	100	900
5	13	30	200	1000
6	14	40	300	5000
7	15	50	400	10000
8	16	60	500	

#### 5KR

We are back to school and working hard! From the first day we have been hard at work. In reading, we have looked at fluency in poetry practising both performing poetry and giving each other feedback.

In writing, we have begun our portal story, discussing what we remember from our spelling, punctuation and grammar from year 4. In maths, we have begun with some skills from year 4 before we move onto our year 5 topic.

This week, we have started all our new units, learning about Sikhism in RE, life cycles in science and we were introduced to the Romans in history. We have worked so hard already in year 5, and we are ready for the year ahead!



#### 5CT

This week we have been excited to explore Year 5 and its interesting units and subjects. In Maths this week, the children have been showing off their understanding of previous learning as well as giving the Year 5 weekly arithmetic test their 100% effort! In Reading and Writing we have been exploring poetry, looking at specific language and vocabulary, as well as the mood of the poem and how it changes. The children were asking really good questions about the meaning of the poem and giving great answers about whether they liked it or not and why. We have started our Science, RE and History units for the half term and have enjoyed our learning so far! Well done 5CT you really have done well this week. 😊

### 6SW

This week we have got stuck straight back in to our learning! In our Reading lessons, we have looked at the poem of The Raven by Edgar Allen Poe and discussed the vocabulary it uses and the effect this has on the reader. We also looked at a poem called The Ogre in Writing and explored this vocabulary too after writing our cold write suspense story. In History, we revisited our knowledge of monarchs and looked at the changes monarchs made in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries and how their religion influenced the country. Children will all be given logins for our online learning platform Seesaw on Monday where homework will be set each Wednesday. This needs to be completed for the following week. If you have any questions, please let us know.



### 6SC

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Year 6s into class this week. We've dove headfirst into learning with and I've been so impressed with the children's attitudes to learning. In Maths, we've been revisiting place value including decimals. In Reading, we've been practising our reading fluency using a range of strategies which all lead to a final performance of Edgar Allan Poe's poem, The Raven.

Our History topic for this half term is 'How has leadership changed Britain?' and we've begun looking at the Tudor and Stuart monarchs and the impact they had on Britain, particularly around their religious beliefs. Children will all be given logins for our online learning platform Seesaw on Monday where homework will be set each Wednesday. This needs to be completed for the following week. If you have any questions, please let us know.



### WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

***To complete a 30-minute walk.***

***If you upload pictures or videos of yourself doing this to 'X' or 'Seesaw' you will be awarded a green point from your teacher.***

### Simpson's Lane Academy Safeguarding Team

***If you have any concerns about a child or member of staff, please contact one of our safeguarding team. Our safeguarding leads are –***

Mr Colley (Head of Academy DSL)

Mrs Silburn (Well-being Lead and Deputy DSL)

Mrs Ellis (Vice Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Coopey (Assistant Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Simpson (Attendance Officer and Deputy DSL)